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SUBJ: SFM: CODEL EAGLETON AND MATHIAS VISIT TO
SFM

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1. SINCE WE HAVE NOT AS YET HAD ANY RESPONSE TO MY LETTER TO GENERAL MAGDUB ABOUT HELICOPTERING CODELS TO THE EAST BANK OF THE CANAL IN CONNECTION WITH DESIRED VISIT TO SFM, I RAISED MATTER WITH GAMASY YESTERDAY. GAMASY SAID MAGDUB HAD SENT HIM MY LETTER. HE ASKED IF IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO HELICOPTER CODELS TO THE EAST BANK. I POINTED OUT CODELS WILL BE HERE VERY SHORT TIME AND THAT SUCH AN AIRLIFT WOULD ENABLE SENATORS EAGLETON AND MATHIAS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR TIME AT SFM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER, BUT DECISION IS OF COURSE UP TO GOE. IF IT IS UNABLE TO DO SO, WE WOULD UNDERSTAND.

2. GAMASY FINALLY AGREED GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ARRANGE SUCH HELICOPTER AIRLIFT. ASKED WHEN THE TRIP TO SFM IS TO BE MADE, I TOLD THE GENERAL EITHER APRIL 13 OR 14, PROBABLY THE LATTER. WE CANNOT DETERMINE THE EXACT DATE UNTIL WE HAVE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ARRANGED. THIS CANNOT BE DONE UNTIL PRESIDENT'S RETURN. GAMASY SAID THAT SADAT
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IS DUE BACK LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 11.

3. COMMENT: GAMASY WAS CLEARLY VERY RELUCTANT TO AGREE. APART FROM THE PRECEDENT WHICH SUCH AN AIRLIFT WILL CREATE, I THINK HE HAS TWO EVEN MORE OVERRIDING CONCERNS. FIRST, HE IS NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE CODELS FLYING LOW OVER THE EGYPTIAN TROOP DISPOSITIONS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE CANAL; SECOND, HE MAY NOT BE ANXIOUS TO HAVE CODELS LAND IN EGYPTIAN MILITARY POSITIONS LEST THIS RAISE QUESTIONS AMONG THE TROOPS. IN FACT, HE FIRST SUGGESTED SUCH HELICOPTER AIRLIFT SIMPLY BE TO SUEZ OR ISMAILIA. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD STILL REQUIRE CODELS TO CROSS THE CANAL, WHICH IS VERY TIME-CONSUMING, HE FINALLY AGREED THAT THE AIRLIFT BE TO A SITE ON THE EAST BANK. WE MAY HAVE PROBLEMS ON FUTURE AIRLIFTS TO THE EAST BANK AND INTERESTED CODELS SHOULD BE FOREWARNED THAT THEY MOST LIKELY WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL OVERLAND.
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